

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 938
By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ronnie B. Price on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie B. Price is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction since 1982 as an Industrial Developer with the Hawkins County Industrial Development Board; and

WHEREAS, as an Industrial Developer, Mr. Price coordinated the recruitment of new industries in Hawkins County and assisted existing industries with retention and expansion; he also managed the operations of the Work Force Invest Act office and staff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Price successfully recruited twenty-five industries for Hawkins County, creating over five thousand jobs and capital investments of over \$496,000,000; and

WHEREAS, before his estimable career with the Hawkins County Industrial Development Board, Ronnie Price worked as Transport Director for the First Tennessee Human Resource Agency (1981-1982), a Federal Programs Director and Administrative Assistant at the Hawkins County Courthouse (1975-1981), and a Teacher at Clinch Elementary School (1974); and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Price earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and has taken education courses at East Tennessee State University and economic development courses at the University of North Carolina and the University of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Price is an active and important part of his community and his profession, and he has dedicated his time and energies to numerous worthy organizations and

committees, including CoreNet, the Southern Economic Development Council, the Holston Business Group, the Japan-America Society of Tennessee, the SDA 2 Workforce Investment Act Board Executive Committee, the Leadership Hawkins County Board of Directors, the Hawkins County Personnel Association, the Governor's Task Force on Regional Cooperation, Tennessee Economic Partnership's Board of Directors, Hawkins County United Way's Board of Directors, Overton Lodge No. 5 Free and Accepted Masons, the Knoxville Scottish Rite, the Jericho Shrine Temple, the Rogersville Shrine Club, and the Rogersville Heritage Society; and

WHEREAS, committed to public service, Ronnie Price has donated his time and talents as President and member of the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Industrial Development Council, Chairman of the Northeast Tennessee Industrial Council, member of the Board of Directors of the First Tennessee Development District, member of the Advisory Council and Chairman of the Marketing Committee for the Northeast Tennessee Valley Regional Industrial Development Association, Economic Development Consultant for the Clinch-Powell Enterprise Community, Chairman of the Hawkins County Workforce Employer Outreach Committee, and a member of the Finance Committee of the Rogersville City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Price exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Price has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Mr. Ronnie B. Price for his meritorious service to the citizens of Hawkins County and the State of Tennessee and extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.